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## SPENCER FOR SENATOR

### THE GREAT BILLY KING "CLEANING UP" AT AUDITORIUM THIS WEEK

### THE SUN ADDS 500 NEW SUBSCRIBERS SINCE DECEMBER 1ST.



REV. J. W. HURSE, D. D.

The popular pastor of St. Stephens who was called to Chicago by President Jones of the (unincorporated) National Baptist Convention to accompany him to Nashville to executive meeting of the National Board.

#### ST. STEPHEN'S BAPTIST CHURCH

Excellent service and a large attendance all night Christmas eve. Sunday school rendered an excellent program at 8:30 a. m. The Christmas tree at 11:30 was nicely attended. The Clubs served a midnight supper. At 2:00 the Deacons started an old fashioned covenant. Service was enjoyed by all present. At 4:30 the Choir rendered their program after which the pastor preached "The Birth of Christ." At 7:00 a. m. he went down into the pool and baptized 14. Excellent services were enjoyed by all Sunday. Our usual large crowd was out to watch meeting. Sisters Mary Jackson, Sallie Hudson, Maggie Cole, Georgeanna Adams are still very sick. We pray for them a speedy recovery. Sunday services were opened with praise meeting at 11:00 a. m. The pastor was at his post and a gospel feast was enjoyed by all. His subject was "Christians Watchword, Go forward." A very instructive sermon was heard and we feel more like going forward for our Master. Six additions at this service. Sunday school is growing nicely. The lesson was discussed and timely remarks by Brother Robert Jones and

others. B. Y. P. U. doing nicely with Sister Minnie Mosley as President. The evening service was opened at 7:30 p. m. The pastor preached from Gen. 6:13-20 subject "Christ the Christian's ark." The pastor left Monday January 5 for Nashville, Tenn. to meet the Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention (unincorporated). We gave him a purse of \$335.50 as a Christmas present. The Clubs will hold their weekly meetings at the Church this week. All are starting out with new interest. Madam Ada Bell Griffin will render a program for January 8 under the auspices of the Choir. Sister Clara Jones is confined to her bed with grippe at 1200 E. 11th street. Sister Fay Agy is confined to her home 2933 Norton, Ill. Sister Emma Peterson is very sick at her home, 820 Independence avenue. We hope to see them at their post soon. Total additions 20. Sister Ella Dayton will entertain the Mission Circle at her home Thursday afternoon, 151 Euclid avenue. The third Sunday we will have baptizing again as we have been blessed with ten converts since Christmas.

Rev. J. W. Hurse, D. D.  
Clara Brown, Clerk.

#### WE DO—THAT'S ALL.

Editor K. C. Sun.  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Highly respected sir and my very esteemed friend:

It is my pleasure indeed to be enrolled upon your subscription list for another year. The paper is wonderful with all the very oldest and richest magazines clamoring over the high cost etc., we can't see how you can manage to keep your head above the waves. We are sure it is due to your extraordinary business ingenuity and the great strength of your little partner the Manager.

Hoping you continued success, I am  
Very sincerely yours,  
MELISSA FUELL CUTHER,  
Joplin, Mo.

#### BURRELL-TEETERS WEDDING.

Mr. Geo. W. Teeters of Kansas City, Mo., and Miss Estelle Mae Burrell of Cincinnati, Ohio, were quietly married by Dr. Wm. H. Peck at Poro College, Thursday, December 25th, at 2 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Malone and Dr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Peck were witnesses to the high contracting parties. They will make their future home at 2420 Montgall Ave., Kansas City, in the near future. Mrs. Teeters is at present in the employment of the Health Department as school nurse.—St. Louis Clarion.

Mr. Wm. Bibbs of Louisiana, Mo., brother of John and T. J. was in the city this week. Bill will join the Antlers herd while here and it will be some riding, believe me.

#### MEETS IN KANSAS CITY.

(Associated Negro Press.)  
Chicago, Jan. 6.—Dr. Emmett J. Scott, Secretary-Treasurer of Howard University, Washington, D. C., formerly Special Assistant to the Secretary of War, was the guest of honor of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, of which he is an honorary exalted member, at its twelfth annual convention held in Chicago, December 27 to December 31st.

The next meeting will be held in Kansas City.

#### SUCCESSFUL NEGRO INVENTOR.

(Associated Negro Press.)  
A new record in deep-sea diving has been established by use of a device invented by an American Negro. This man, a mechanic, previously had proved himself a daring diver, but it was the success of a special appliance and not his daring that made possible the record.

Thus the ability of the Negro is further demonstrated.

#### ANOTHER HAPPY SUBSCRIBER.

Marshall, Mo.  
I am eleven years of age and go to school but I read the Sun between times. I am enclosing my subscription for another year and have a list of others to send in. I sure am proud of the Sun and would not do without it.  
Ruby Mae Hobson.

BENTON & PAGE'S GREAT OFFER NOW ON. One pound of sugar with one pound of their famous sausage. 2302 Vine Street.

#### THE BLACK FOUNDER OF A STATE.

In a recent editorial one of our dailies justly attempts to remove from Oliver Cromwell the reproach applied by the masterly French critic, H. A. Taine, who called the great commoner and greater General a hypocrite. When a great man enters the lists to set in motion a reform and encounters studied, trained and untrenched opposition, he may use weapons of war on the sidelines. The sanction because the reformer has to work quick and fast and the approved weapon may be wanting. Cromwell did his work well considering his environment and time will declare it so. It is well from time to time to uncover forgotten heroes and to examine the conditions and the circumstances that produced them.

Mr. Rucker Smith is performing a task of inestimable value to the Negro in his recurring articles on Liberia depicting the struggles of Christianized Negroes to establish and maintain independence. All the heroes the Negro child meets are white. It is next to impossible for a Negro to be a hero in countries where the Teuton predominates. Russia a Slav country has her Pushkin. France her Dumas, Dost and others. Spain her Murillo. Even Teutonic England has her Coleridge Taylor. But the American Negro child knows but little of them. The black heroes of the United States are either obscured or taken as jokes.

But I wish to call attention to a black man who like Cromwell, born on an island and like Cromwell, arose to be ruler of his island. In his brilliant panegyric, the eloquent Wendell Phillips exclaimed: "I would call him Cromwell, but Cromwell was only a soldier and the state he founded went down with him into his grave. This Negro himself a slave, the son of slaves brought fresh from Africa, who never saw a soldier until he was fifty years old, defeated the Spanish, whipped the French, humiliated and drove the English from his island. Then he ruled the island as it had never been before, nor since. It was a happy country and no slave's tread sullied its soil. His strictness was that of the Spartan. His humanity according to an enthusiastic admiring French man surpassed that of the lowly Nazarene. His justice was impartial. A recital of his virtues, his sterling character were forced from the reluctant pens of his enemies. He appraised the superior intelligence, training and learning of the whites and when he was forming a Constitution for his country he employed eight whites and one colored. This virtue proved the one fault that his black countrymen could not overlook. Julius Caesar founded the Roman Empire but he never lived to rule. Toussaint L'Ouverture founded the Republic of Hayti but he never lived to preside over it.

Napoleon Bona Parte sent his veterans, the heroes of countless battles in Italy, in Austria and in Egypt to reduce the island to slavery but let the historian tell the result Ashley in his modern European civilization Page 178 records: "To protect Louisiana from any possible invasion of the English, Napoleon sent an army to the new world, which was first to subdue Santo Domingo on the island of Hayti. Through the influence of an able Negro patriot, Toussaint L'Ouverture, aided by the swamps of the island, Napoleon's army was destroyed. As he had now no troops for the protection of Louisiana and was ready for another conflict with his arch-enemy, Great Britain, Napoleon in 1803 sold Louisiana to the United States." Therefore the United States is indebted to a Negro for the acquisition of Louisiana.

The French resorted to treachery, lead Toussaint L'Ouverture into a trap, disarmed him, carried him on board a man-of-war took him to France and cast him into a damp prison in its mountains and left him to die. Thus ended one of the most remarkable men the Western Hemisphere has produced. And the state he founded stood independent for more than a hundred years until our present administration landed marines upon the island and forced the Haytians to

change their constitution.

This is the first instance in all history where a people raised themselves from slavery, founded and maintained a state. These were black people just in many cases one degree removed from savagery. How could they do it? They possessed a quality eulogized in the ancient savage Teutons by an eminent historian. "They had personal worth. Myers in his Mediaeval and Modern History on page 4 says: "European civilization is mainly the result of the blending of three historic elements—the Classical, the Hebrew and the Teutonic. The Teutons had neither arts nor sciences, nor philosophies, nor literatures. But they had something better than all these things, they had personal worth."

#### SOROSIS CLUB ENTERTAINED.

On Monday afternoon December 29, Mrs. M. B. Carr and sister, Mrs. Fannie Parker entertained their club, the Sorosis, Mrs. T. G. McCampbell, President, at their home on east Twenty-fourth street with a Christmas party. Seventeen of the twenty-four members were present, each expecting a surprise of some kind. From the exclamations of surprise and pleasure expressed when the second course was served they were not disappointed. Home made fruit cake, fresh coconut cake and ice cream. The cream being in beautiful individual forms of tea roses, water lilies, water melons with one slice out to display the crimson inside, corn on the cob and beautiful natural tinted eggs, each effect a different flavor. The following ladies were special guests of the party: Mrs. Clara Adams, Acting President of City Federation; Mrs. Annie Wheeler, recently of Oakland, Calif. Mrs. Fredericka S. Perry and house guests: Mrs. Carrie Stratford, Nelson of Columbus, O., and Miss Alice Vanderveer of Topeka Industrial School; Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Sam Winston, Mrs. Stella Woods; Misses Goldie Walker of Chicago, S. N. Sexton, Katherine Washington, Estelle Gear, Phyllis Tucker and Katherine Cowden.

A splendid program was rendered. Potted poinsettias aided greatly in carrying out the Christmas decorations.

#### BUY A KEWPIE.

Buy a Brown Skin Kewpie doll, the Rice Brothers are still putting them out. What? Why the Brown Skin Kewpies, is that so? Haven't you one in your home yet? No, not yet, but I am looking for the places I can get one. Can you tell me where to find them? Why sure I will tell you. They are on sale at the Wood and White Drug Co., 19th and Vine; Peoples Drug Co., 18th and Paseo; Theo. Smith Drug Co., 18th and Tracy Ave.; Thompkins Pharmacy, 3rd and Troop, Kansas City, Kans.; Mrs. Hubbard's Millinery store, 1607 "A" E. 18th street; and by calling Main 2014 Bell phone you will get in touch with Mrs. Rice at 1015 Tracy who looks after all orders promptly. Now you can get these Kewpies at a reasonable price at any of the above places and on buying these dolls you will say you are well pleased. Try them and see.

#### NEGRO IN CHICKEN PEN; POLICE SHOOT.

When Ludwig Stoelpliz, 2444 Brooklyn avenue, heard his chickens "fussing" about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning he called the police. John Pleasant, J. B. Hogan and A. A. Griffin, policemen, responded and had no more than approached Stoelpliz's chicken house when a shot whizzed by them. They fired in the direction of the revolver flash, and soon someone gave a groan and yelled that he was shot.

A Negro giving the name of Max Jones, 23 years old, 1617 East Twenty-second street, was taken from the chicken pen and removed to the old city hospital, where his condition was said to be critical.

Rev. B. G. Dawson, B. D. pastor of Bethel church lectured to the Theological class of Shaffer Seminary Western University Tuesday afternoon.

#### SUN KEPT OPEN HOUSE.

One of the most delightful affairs of the Holiday season was the reception New Year's day at the Sun offices to its friends and patrons. The ladies of the Sun staff had decorated the rooms handsomely with wreaths, cut flowers and American flags, and Franklin's famous ice cream and Compton's celebrated cake was served in abundance to all who called.

Those in the receiving line was Mrs. N. C. Crews, Mrs. Willa G. Peebles, Mrs. H. D. Greene, Mrs. Rose Morton Jones and Miss Irene Loretta Smith. More than two hundred of Greater Kansas City's representatives citizens called during the afternoon among whom were the following:

Mrs. W. T. Osborn  
Mrs. Ida M. Beck  
Prof. and Mrs. J. R. E. Lee  
Mr. Daniel A. Niles  
Dr. C. Lloyd Peebles  
Mrs. J. Thurman  
Mrs. Scottie Dickens  
Dr. and Mrs. Howard M. Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Galliard  
Miss E. L. Peniston  
Dr. S. S. Hill  
Mrs. James Perkins  
Dorothy Waldron  
Mrs. R. S. Fisher  
Mrs. W. V. Finley  
Mr. and Mrs. Felix H. Payne  
Mr. and Mrs. Fortune J. Weaver  
Miss Weaver  
Mr. W. J. Moore  
Mr. A. Hickum  
P. S. Smith  
Col. Robert Simpson  
J. A. Davis  
Mrs. Jennie Bass Topeka, Kans.  
James A. Lee  
T. E. Greer  
Scott Thompson  
Richard Gaines  
William Hill  
Andrew Owens  
Mrs. Pauline Blackwell  
Mrs. M. A. Alexander  
J. P. Hill  
Rev. and Mrs. St. Clair  
Mr. Harris  
Mrs. J. W. Clay  
Mrs. J. H. Fields  
Mrs. A. L. Johnson  
Miss Nannie Brooks  
Mrs. Jennie Graham  
Mrs. Gertrude Elliott  
J. W. Phillips  
J. W. Calloway  
E. P. Williams  
Sandy Mack, Dixon, Ill.  
Geo. H. Wagner  
M. W. Woodson  
R. H. Gillum  
H. W. Jones, R. P. Lashley  
N. S. Adkins  
Mrs. A. A. Jones  
Solomon Smith  
Mattie Owens  
Jenetta Dodson  
Le. Cliff  
Alberta Dodson  
Cecilia Elliott  
Mrs. Thos. Boyd  
Mrs. Lillian Washington  
Mrs. A. C. Cooper  
Thomas Turner, Chicago, Ill.  
Villie Gore  
R. B. Baker  
Mr. E. Collins  
Mrs. E. Brooks  
Le. London  
Rev. O. A. Johnson  
Dr. J. Edgar Dibble  
Dr. W. Holbert  
Charles H. Adkins  
Mrs. Mabel McLean  
Mrs. Sadie Cline  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Seals  
Mrs. L. G. Jones  
Mrs. Charles Green  
Mrs. Isabelle Harmon  
Mrs. Lou Bedford  
Mrs. G. D. Tyler  
A. Dickens  
Robert Williams  
Dorothy King  
Mildred King  
Prof. A. A. Hughes, Pittsburg, Kan.  
C. Smith  
Miss Sue Hutchins  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Banks  
Mrs. Sallie Jackson  
Mrs. Mildred Mott  
Rado Buchanan  
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Plummer  
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stewart  
Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Barton  
Mr. Grant Venable & Company.



CHARLES D. FRAZIER,

Who from far off Grand Canyon, Ariz., sends the season's greetings to his multitude of friends in Kansas City and Missouri.

#### THE INTER-STATE.

Tercentenary Celebration of the Interstate Marked High and Inspired Many.

The 25th annual session of the Interstate Literary Association of Kansas and the West convened in Wichita, at the St. Paul A. M. E. church, Rev. J. R. Ransom, pastor. Three hundred terrible but expressive years pregnant with the striving of a depressed people—have spent themselves hence, our "tercentenary celebration." The frontispiece of the program bore these words:

"I see afar the shining resurrection of every glorious hope,  
I see as a parcel of a new creation that beatific home;  
When every bud of lofty aspiration shall blossom into flower;  
When all who lovingly have hoped and trusted,  
Despite some transient fears,  
Will see life's jarring elements adjusted and rounded into spheres."  
—Anon.

Monday 8:00 p. m. marked the opening with music by the St. Paul A. M. E. Choir. Prayer united spirit of the Master with the occasion; then music by Hon. L. W. Clapp, City manager. Welcome address on behalf of City by Hon. L. W. Clapp, City Manager. He produced thought, fair play of justice, stating that superiority of race did not rest in the color of the skin, nor did the inferiority but a matter of chance and environment and development of mental faculties. He said all beings are equal and should be given an equal chance. Dr. Brown welcomed on behalf of the citizens. It was witty and appealed to the delegates. Mrs. Wm. Bowers welcomed on behalf of women. She demonstrated marked ability. In the absence of Lawyer Calloway, Prof. Gregg filled in splendidly. Mr. Jas. Cowan the sweet singer thrilled us through and through then Prof. Bowler introduced Mrs. H. G. Diggins, the president who delivered her annual address who was pronounced by all a masterpiece, grand from every viewpoint, being thoughtful, careful and hopeful to her race. Subject "The Negro undaunted," covering the four epochs of the race. The champions of our race from many spheres were introduced after which the epicurean feast was served.

(To Be Continued.)

#### NEGRO BUNKER BOMBED.

(Associated Negro Press.)  
Chicago, Jan. 6.—For the third time within six months, the property of Jesse Binga, banker and real estate dealer, was bombed by unknown parties.

#### ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL.

The Memorial services in honor of Theodore Roosevelt at the Second Baptist church last Tuesday night were largely attended and were a complete success. Mrs. Clara Adams presided and addresses were made by Father Rahming, Mesdames Ella Lawson, H. O. Cook, and Ida M. Beck, Rev. D. A. Holmes, Prof. W. H. Harrison, Hon. T. B. Watkins and Mr. C. A. Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Estes of 2460 Waldron Avenue, left Wednesday evening for Oakland, California. They will remain about two months.

#### BLUE TRIANGLE LEAGUE.

During the month of December \$1,385.97 was paid to the Blue Triangle League, \$1,200 of this amount was paid by the War Work Council. Work is under progress at our Center, southeast Corner 19th and Paseo. The Woman's League not only donated the property at 1625 Cottage to the Blue Triangle League but at a social meeting held December 29 at the Community Center they decided to furnish a sleeping room for girls at our new Center. Miss Mabel E. Bickford, Virginia City, Montana, has been transferred by the War Work Council of the Y. W. C. A. from Memphis, Tenn., to take charge of the Negro branch here. Miss Estella Lovett has charge of the Junior work. The Girl Reserve Meetings were irregular last week because of the holiday season.

#### "BENNIE" McRAY WRITES.

What a flood of memories came stealing over us the other day when we received a letter from our old friend "Bennie" McRay, who at one time was the idol of all Kansas City. For some years, Mr. McRay has been living in the North and that wonderful success which crowned his activities here has continued with him there. Bennie writes that one of the old well-known railroad men died in St. Paul last week by the name of Woodside Madison and also Rand Cole, well known porter, dropped dead this week. Bennie desires to be remembered to all his friends and incidentally sends a year's subscription to the race's great paper, The Sun. There was never a truer or more steadfast friend than Ben McRay and the Editor is proud to call him friend and brother.

#### NEGRO DEMOCRATIC BANQUET.

Potamus, sweet potatoes, barbecued meat, cider and other trimmings in abundance served at the Negro Democratic banquet held in Lyric Hall last Tuesday night. Quite a few white democrats were in attendance and the Negroes were urged to stand by "their party." Dr. W. J. Thompson was the toastmaster.

Mr. T. A. Warfield and Mrs. Gussie Clark of LaCade, Mo., passed through the city enroute to Wellington, Mo., to attend the funeral of their cousin and brother, Allen Price. Mr. Warfield was one of the early boyhood friends of General John J. Pershing and although they had not met for nearly forty years, Warfield was the first man recognized by the General as he alighted from the train in that city.

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